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Ramsha specialises in dispute resolution, with a focus on international and domestic arbitration. She has experience across a range of disputes, including construction, financial services, and shareholder matters. Her work includes supporting arbitral proceedings through in-depth legal research and analysis, contributing to expert reports, and advising on procedural strategy.

Prior to joining Afridi & Angell in 2025, Ramsha worked in the dispute resolution and arbitration practice of a leading UAE-based law firm. Ramsha has played a key role in shaping case strategies, drafting legal submissions, and liaising with counsel to ensure efficient and effective representation throughout proceedings. She has assisted in matters before the DIFC, ADGM, and onshore UAE courts, and is well-versed in the rules of leading arbitral institutions, including DIAC and the ICC.

Some of Ramsha's notable matters include:

- Advising a leading financial institution in a multi-jurisdictional dispute before the DIFC Courts involving complex contractual and procedural issues.
- Acting for a major UAE-based developer in a high-value construction arbitration under the DIAC Rules, addressing claims relating to delay, defects and quantum.
- Representing a prominent construction company in multiple DIAC arbitrations and related DIFC Court proceedings concerning subcontractor liability, extension of time claims, and enforcement issues.
- Assisting in preparing expert legal opinions on UAE law for submission in international arbitral proceedings, including under the ICC Rules, in connection with pharmaceutical and commercial disputes.
- Drafting and supporting the legal strategy and submissions in a shareholder dispute involving emergency relief applications and concurrent litigation in the DIFC and onshore UAE Courts.

Areas of Practice

- International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- Corporate and Commercial

Admissions and Affiliations

- Sindhi Bar Council, Pakistan

Education

- LL.M., Harvard Law School, 2022
- LL.B. (Hons), University of London, 2018

Languages

- English
- Urdu

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- Advising on a DIFC Court dispute involving claims of professional negligence in expert valuation reports, including assistance with procedural strategy, evidentiary issues, and written submissions.
 - Advising a regional real estate and construction company in relation to contentious contractual issues arising from a large-scale development project, including variation claims and project delay disputes under the DIAC Rules.